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SUBJECT: OECD ECONOMIC POLICY CONSULTATIONS WITH TRADE
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1. CEA CHAIRMAN SCHULTZE RAISED QUESTION OF OECD ECONOMIC
POLICY CONSULTATION WITH TUAC/BIAC DURING MEETING OF
SUMMIT MACROECONOMIC PREPARATORY GROUP MAY 20-21 IN RESPONSE
TO REQUEST BY AFL-CIO SECRETARY-TREASURER LANE KIRKLAND ON
BEHALF OF TUAC. ALTHOUGH THERE WAS RELUCTANCE ON THE PART
OF SEVERAL OF THOSE PRESENT (MEETING WAS COMPOSED OF MOST
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EPC BUREAU MEMBERS MINUS SECRETARIAT), SCHULTZE PREVAILED
UPON THEM TO AGREE TO INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS WITH TUAC
AND BIAC AT TIME OF NOVEMBER EPC MEETING. ALL FELT THAT
IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE MAY CONSULTATIONS AT
THIS LATE DATE.

2. PER REFERENCED TELECON WE UNDERSTAND THAT OECD SECRETARIAT HAS INFORMED VAN LENNEP OF EPC BUREAU'S WILLINGNESS TO HAVE CONSULTATIONS, BUT NOT UNTIL NOVEMBER. WE WOULD EXPECT THAT THIS SUBJECT WOULD BE DISCUSSED DURING MAY 29 EPC BUREAU MEETING IN PARIS WITH SECRETARIAT TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS.

3. USG VIEW ON THE CONSULTATION IS THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THEM HELD INFORMALLY AND PREFERABLY TRIPARTITE, I.E., REPRESENTATIVES OF GOVERNMENT, BUSINESS AND LABOR MEETING TOGETHER. WE WOULD ALSO EXPECT THAT DELEGATIONS WOULD BE SMALL, WITH NO MORE THAN FIVE GOVERNMENT, BIAC OR TUAC REPRESENTATIVES.

4. SCHULTZE EXPECTS TO CALL KIRKLAND THIS WEEK TO INFORM HIM OF GROUP'S DECISION AND WILL EXPLAIN THAT DETAILS WILL BE ARRANGED AFTER DISCUSSION WITH SECRETARIAT AND EPC MEETING IN PARIS NEXT WEEK.

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